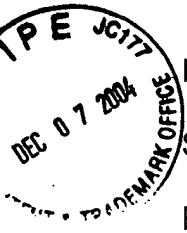




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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 18, 2004 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.